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June 18, 2009

Mr. Cesar A. Perales  
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Dear Mr. Perales:

We write as the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Senate Judiciary Committee to follow up on Judge Sonia Sotomayor's request for you to provide documents related to her membership in the Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund (PRLDEF). As you know, on May 26, 2009, the President designated Judge Sonia Sotomayor as his nominee for the Supreme Court of the United States. In order to assist the Committee in conducting a thorough and timely review of Judge Sotomayor's record, we request that PRLDEF expedite its review and supplement the documents Judge Sotomayor has already provided to the Committee.

According to her response to the Committee's questionnaire, Judge Sotomayor was a member of PRLDEF from 1980 until her resignation in 1992, serving at various points in time as Vice President of PRLDEF's Board of Directors, and as Chairperson of the Litigation and Education Committees and from 1984-1985 as Special Vice-Chairperson, in 1986 as Second Vice-Chairperson, and from 1987-1988 as First Vice-Chairperson. One document produced by Judge Sotomayor indicates she also served as a member of the Ad Hoc Committee on Reorganization and Long-Range Planning.

In her June 15, 2009 letter to the Committee, Judge Sotomayor stated: "In responding to the Committee Questionnaire, I thoroughly reviewed my files to provide all responsive documents in my possession. I also requested searches of the files maintained by PRLDEF, which required accessing the organization's archives and therefore required more time. As a result of that search, I have received several additional documents related to my work for PRLDEF, which are attached." We are writing to ask you to expedite your response to Judge Sotomayor's request, and to ensure that your response includes the following documents from the time period from January 1, 1980 to December 31, 1992:

- A. All documents relating in whole or part to matters of public policy, including but not limited to, reports, memoranda, or policy statements, including any drafts of such documents, written by, edited by, or prepared under the supervision of Judge Sotomayor, including those related to policy initiatives undertaken or contemplated by PRLDEF;

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- B. All documents, including any drafts of such documents, related to any litigation in which the PRLDEF was a party, filed an amicus brief, or was otherwise involved, written by, edited by, or prepared under the supervision of Judge Sotomayor, including but not limited to all documents relating in whole or part to matters of public policy prepared during the time period Judge Sotomayor was Chairperson of the Litigation Committee;
- C. All documents relating in whole or part to matters of public policy, including but not limited to, reports, memoranda, or policy statements, including any drafts of such documents, related to the Board of Directors, the Litigation and Education Committees, and the Ad Hoc Committee on Reorganization and Long-Range Planning produced during the period she served on each entity, respectively. These documents include but are not limited to, meeting minutes, board books and summaries from the time she served on each entity.

We request that you deliver four (4) copies of these documents to the Judiciary Committee as soon as possible so that the Committee can prepare for Judge Sotomayor's July 13 confirmation hearing. The Committee will reimburse you with any costs for searching archives and copying documents.

Sincerely,



PATRICK LEAHY  
Chairman



JEFF SESSIONS  
Ranking Member

cc: The Honorable Sonia Sotomayor  
Office of the Counsel of the President  
The White House